

was already full with REAL  
criminals, you know, rapists,

murderers and people who  
forgot to pay their property  
taxes on time and all i can

think is poor eddie, all  
liquored up and ready to  
pay his debt to society  
and all they do is turn  
him away; sorry, the

inns all full.

#### MEMPHIS, ART SHOW

driving home blind with  
my lady; my factory buddy  
in the back seat with his  
lady he hands me a plastic  
cup says dont bogart it  
thats all the long island  
tea that i got left so i

suck the whole thing down  
and as im suggesting that  
we stop for some beer i  
become aware that the  
orange road barriers  
are getting very close  
to the car and bam  
before i can think about  
it there goes the side  
passenger mirror i pull

into the gas station and  
ask what everyone wants  
to drink we end up with  
a case of genuine draft  
and a stray cat that no  
one at the gas-mart wanted

neither of our ladies wants  
the cat either so my buddy  
and i argue over it for a  
while until it falls asleep  
in his ladys lap and we  
drive the rest of the way  
home in silence, full of



genuine draft and dreams  
that none of us know  
exactly how to talk about.

— Tom Caufield

Conway AR

coyotes howling  
at the moon, from the moon  
other coyotes howling back

reeling, blood-splotched, two  
boxers on the hospital's  
waiting room TV

flashing in my cornering  
headlight beams, the eyes  
of a startled cat

on the frayed carpet  
slivers of sunlight  
from the boarded-up window

needed to vacuum  
up the dirty atmosphere  
volcanos that suck

— William Woodruff

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#### EVALUATION OF CABO SAN LUCAS

At Thrifty Drug today  
there was a lineup at the  
pharmacy window  
people with summer flu  
a redhead was confiding